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**Declaration by the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Iceland and Norway on the common position concerning Belarus**

Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Iceland and Norway declare that they share the objectives of the common position defined by the Council of the European Union on 9 July 1998 on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union, concerning Belarus. They will ensure that their national policies conform to that common position.

The European Union takes note of this commitment and welcomes it.

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